

place had told him that their business was going well, showing even some presents which he said the French had made him, the Püants and Foxes asked from the French a man of the Sioux fort to accompany them to their village, and from it they would take away several chiefs with him, to go to the St. Joseph's river to ascertain the news from the commandant; and because he thought their Father has their respect, and in order that he might bear witness that they had not in any way molested them, Le Sieur de la Jemeraye proposed to go with them; and left the Sioux village with the Foxes and Püants in order to go to their village, where they had no sooner arrived than they detained him twenty-one days without his being able to find out what would be his lot; finally at the end of the time he left them with fourteen Foxes in order to proceed to St. Joseph's river. When they arrived there they told the commandant that they had brought the Sieur de la Jemeraye without doing him any harm whatsoever, for they hoped he would speak in their favor to their Father and that he would obtain pardon for them. It was proposed to them to go as far as Montreal, but the fear they had of meeting some of their enemies decided them to return home after three days' tarry at St. Joseph's river. The Sieur de la Jemeraye adds that during his sojourn at the Foxes' village the Folle Avoines came there to give battle, and killed a man and a woman. The Foxes sallied from their village to the number of thirty to fight the Folle Avoines, who were only twelve; there were three of their men wounded and the others returned to the village.